

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending, with claims 1, 3 and 4 having been amended. Claims 2 has been cancelled.

The inventor's representative would like to thank Examiner Vent and her supervisor for their time and courtesy during the personal interview conducted on June 30, 2005. As agreed upon in the interview, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2.

The Office Action states that the information disclosure statement of May 17, 2001 was not received. Accordingly, a receipt, stamped by the USPTO, indicating that the information disclosure statement was received on May 17, 2001 is enclosed, along with a duplicate copy of the information disclosure statement, and disclosed references. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,201,924 to Crane et al. ("Crane"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Prior to addressing the rejection in detail, a brief description of an exemplary embodiment of the disclosed invention is presented to highlight

advantageous characteristics thereof. The disclosed invention relates to a video tape recorder which performs various editing functions that can be selected by the user. As defined in amended claim 1, when multiple video programs are to be recorded, prior to recording, the user can specify the sequence of the programs to be recorded. The recorder will then record the video programs in the specified sequence regardless of the order in which the video programs were input to the video tape recorder, allowing the user to watch the programs in any order that he wishes.

Crane does not anticipate Applicant's claim 1, which has been amended with the limitations of claim 2. For example, Crane does not disclose an editing section that "changes a sequence of the video signal and the audio signal which are to be recorded on said discontinuous medium," as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis add).

Crane discloses a computer based disk-assisted system for editing video tapes that requires an external video tape recorder as a video source and an additional video tape recorder for recording the edited video. In Col. 7, lines 7-53, Crane discloses the editing of the video being done after it is transferred from tape to disk, and states that the data on the disk, associating the audio and video, is kept "sequenced in time order and stored sequential on the disk for better disk efficiency". (Col. 7, lines 25-35). There is no indication that the sequence can be changed by the user. Therefore, because the sequence of the

video to be recorded on the disk is not able to be specified by the user before the video is recorded to disk, Crane does not disclose all the elements of claim 1, and does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 3-7 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, for at least those reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that Crane does anticipate Applicant's claims 3-7.

The Office Action states that claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crane in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,874 to Fujita et al. ("Fujita"). The ground of this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Fujita discloses a method and device for detecting the starting and ending points of a sound segment in a video. Fujita does not disclose or suggest that "in response to a selection operation on an operating section, said editing section changes a sequence of the video signal and the audio signal which are to be recorded on said discontinuous medium," as recited in claim 1 from which claim 3 depends. In addition, as discussed above, Crane does not disclose all the elements of claim 1, and therefore Crane does not disclose the elements of claim 3. Because the combination of Crane and Fujita does not disclose or suggest all the elements of claim 3, the combination cannot render claim 3 unpatentable, even if for purpose of argument, the references could be combined.

Therefore in view of the distinguishing features between the claimed invention and the references, Applicant respectfully submits that the present

application is in condition of allowance. Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038849.49619).

Respectfully submitted,

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